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"RICH LITTLE" SHOT. Cheryl Graham looks away as the nurse administers her tetanus shot for the work in St. Louis.

Flood relief crew tops 550

by **Jim Miller**
Bison staff writer

More than 500 students left for Missouri yesterday, to assist in flood relief cleanup projects until Sunday afternoon.

Area churches of Christ there have been working all summer to help provide food and shelter to victims of the summer floods in the Midwest. Now that the flood waters have receded, the churches are organizing cleanup efforts.

S.A. President Rich Little asked in chapel last week for 120 volunteers to give one weekend to assist in the cleanup. More than 500 students responded and were divided into three groups to assist in Arnold, St. Charles and Florissant.

The 255 students working in Arnold are staying in motels, while the other two groups are being sheltered in homes and church buildings which the local church members are providing, Little said.

"I heard a lot about the flooding in Missouri while I was at home in Australia, last summer. I thought taking a service project to Missouri and helping with the cleanup projects would be a great way to start off our year," he said. The caravan of volunteers traveled in about 100 cars, three 44-passenger buses and six 15-passenger vans.

"We wanted to travel in one big convoy, but the State Police said that would make traffic on the highway a mess," Little said. "So we let vehicles go in 15- to 20-minute intervals."

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Harding to begin program in Greece

Informational Meeting:
Monday, Sept. 13, at 8:00 p.m.
American Heritage Auditorium

by **Sherry Bryant**
Bison staff writer

Across the Atlantic lies a small country whose ancient language and culture has influenced the entire world in the past. Beginning in the fall semester of 1994, that influence will broaden into the present-day lives of several Harding students as they attend the new Harding University in Greece (HUG) program.

According to Dr. Don Shackleford, director of Harding University in Florence (HUF), most of the plans for the new campus have been finalized, including the location in Glyfada, Greece, 45 minutes from the heart of Athens. Students participating in this fall-only program will be staying in this seaside resort of 65,000 people at a recently-built hotel overlooking the Aegean Sea.

While the town of Glyfada is known for its ruins of an early Christian basilica said to commemorate the apostle Paul's supposed first landing in Attica, the HUG program itself will offer even more significant historical travels throughout Greece, Asia Minor and Israel.

"What distinguishes this program from HUF," said Shackleford, "is all the university-planned trips." Unlike the HUF program, the students will have English guided tours through most of the places that they will go to, with the exception of trips taken at the end of the semester. Shackleford believes that this will save money in the long run.

Other than university-planned travels, however, much of the HUG program will be similar to that of the HUF program. Cost and curriculum will be similar for both programs.



THE PARTHENON. Students attending the Harding University in Greece Program will be just minutes away from one of the most dramatic relics of Hellenistic culture. (photo by Scott Baine)

Some of the classes to be offered include Biblical World and Archaeology, Introduction to European Studies and a "special study" course designed to meet the needs of each student's educational objectives. By using a Harding professor and a couple of Greek adjunct teachers, Shackleford believes that students will receive their needed requirements to graduate on time.

Todd Stewart, a senior from Dallas, Texas, and a HUF student from the fall of 1992, felt an added connection to the Bible as he walked along the same paths that the apostle Paul had

walked. "HUG will be a great opportunity for those who participate to grow spiritually because the existence of the Bible lands will become more of a reality," Stewart said.

While Greece is a historically significant country, Glyfada will have more than just sightseeing to offer. From Swiss cuisine to Tex Mex cooking, the resort town offers something to make every visitor feel welcome. Glyfada also has sports facilities, a public beach, a movie theater and bus transportation to neighboring cities such as Athens, Piraeus and Attika.

Harding: from sea to shining sea and beyond



Joe Chappel

Harding sets record enrollment: students from 50 states, 38 foreign countries

by **Drew Rouhana**
Bison staff writer

Final figures released by the registrar's office Monday indicated an increase of 89 students over 1992-93, making this the third consecutive year for a record enrollment. The official number stands at 3,552, including 1,050 freshman and transfer students.

Harding's expanding student body includes a diverse international student population, with 170 foreign students representing 38 countries.

For the first time in its history, the university has enrolled three students from Russia—freshmen Ivan Regida and Alex Azaimov and HSBS student Sergei Voronov.

The Russian students learned about Harding from graduates who had been involved in campaigns in their country. Others came because of the influence of parents, friends, ministers and students. The university was also included in three major college guides: The 200 Most Selective Colleges, Peterson's Guide to Competitive Colleges, and Best Dollar Values in American Colleges.

In convocation ceremonies to initiate the 1993-94 school year, President David Burks announced that, for the first time, all 50 states

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Editorial

Bison begins new year

Each year a new editor sits down behind his desk, facing the intimidating task of being in charge of putting together Harding's newspaper. This year, as I sat down here, I wondered if I could do it. I soon realized that most of the work is done by other people anyway, and they knew more about this stuff than I do. So I soon felt better.

The basic question I had to answer was, "What is the nature and purpose of a newspaper?" I concluded that a newspaper should be a forum for public discussion and a source of information within a community. The *Bison* serves the Harding community, and its content and policies should reflect the values of the community.

James Carey said, "Journalism is a culture's conversation with itself." If this is true, it is important for the conversation to be two-way. We encourage you to participate in the conversation by writing letters to the editor and letting us know about newsworthy events. Someone added to Carey's statement, saying, "That conversation will be painfully dull if it does not include some drama, some humor and lots of humanity." We hope that the *Bison* can be an interesting, fun part of Harding.

He's at it again

Clinton's at it again. He always talks so smoothly about "reinventing government," promising to reduce its size. It sounds good. The only problem is that he does just the opposite. He pushes health care reform that will further entangle the industry in the regulations and red tape of the incompetent bureaucracy. The only thing he has a plan for reducing is the Defense Department.

Yesterday, the first of Clinton's new programs passed the Senate, ready for the president's signature. It is the National Service Plan. This program to "help middle-class students afford college" will provide opportunities for a grand total of 50,000 students a year in three years, assuming the program meets the budget guidelines. What will this magnanimous gesture cost the taxpayers? \$700 million dollars a year by the third year, for a total of \$1.5 billion over the first three years. That is assuming, of course, that the program stays on budget.

I'm all for college education and recognize the need to help people afford the expense, but spending all that money to provide opportunities for only .4 percent of college students seems uneconomical.

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THE LITTLE SEARCY RESTAURANT ACCIDENTALLY MIXED BURKS' ORDER WITH ANOTHER HARDING COUPLE'S — LEAVING A BAD TASTE IN EVERYONE'S MOUTH.

To see Christ in your brother

by Carolyn Holmes
Bison columnist

Several years ago, like many Harding-bound students, I was anxious to get onto a campus full of Christians. Surely, then, all my questions about God would be answered. I wouldn't have to deal with worldly temptations surrounded by Christian friends. Most of all, I just knew that, at Harding, I would feel God's presence dwelling in me like never before.

As those first weeks passed, however, I became profoundly aware that I'd made a mistake. These people weren't perfect. Some weren't even Christians! My questions about God only led to more questions that no one knew the answers to. Worst of all, those long-awaited feelings of fireworks exploding, butterflies in my stomach and walking on air over Jesus would not emerge. So I sat in my room, criticizing Harding for not showing me Christ.

I didn't realize that finding Him was my responsibility.

Then Spring Break rolled around, and I couldn't afford a plane ticket home to Washington. So at the last minute, feeling desperation and dread, I signed up to go on a campaign. In that week, I shared in daily devotionals with my fellow students, cleaned, painted, met the poor and homeless, and looked for the first time into the eyes of God. He was there in the hopeful faces of inner city children, in the grateful smiles of the elderly, even in the far-away gazes of the homeless as they gobbled up the sandwiches we'd made. And I saw fireworks and butterflies. I walked on air.

Recently, I witnessed another extraordinary example of God's power right here on campus.

In chapel, Rich Little asked for volunteers to give up a weekend for the sake of Missouri flood victims. The first 120 lucky students would win the glorious opportunity to

shovel wet, leaky sandbags, strip dilapidated walls, and wade through smelly sewage in gas masks for three days. Hard to imagine anyone getting too excited about that.

But the events of last week proved to me once again that we aren't just "anyone" here at Harding. And sometimes, when God calls, strange things happen. Strange things like people arriving four hours before the meeting started, just to reserve a spot. Strange things like an excess of 550 people crowding into a small auditorium, singing, clapping, shouting and praying for a shot at an all-expense paid weekend in the pit of despair.

Most of the world wouldn't get it. You mean, you're not getting paid to work with kids in inner-city Houston? This flood relief project doesn't count toward college credit? You're giving up six weeks of your summer to tell Romanians about Jesus? How I pity these people who don't understand, who have never felt butterflies from looking into the eyes of God, disguised as a homeless man or a lonely child.

Contrary to popular belief, being a student at Harding doesn't assure you an intimate friendship with Jesus. The only way to really know him is to go out and spend quality time with him, and Harding does have some great outlets for that. We can go to the devos and retreats. We can do service projects, prison ministries and worship services at nursing homes. We can share Christ through campaigns. We can work with campus ministries to encourage others. The possibilities are limitless.

Perhaps that highly sought after link to God can best be found in the words of an old poem:

*I sought my soul, but my soul I could not see.
I sought my God, but my God eluded me.
I sought my brother, and I found all three.*

Bison Policy

The *Bison* is a campus newspaper written, edited and largely financed by students, seeking to meet the needs of the campus. The *Bison* seeks to provide students, faculty, administration and alumni with a subjective, well-rounded coverage of campus events and local, state and national affairs of importance to the student body.

The *Bison* is an educational tool for journalism and communication students, providing practical experience and the acquisition of hands-on skills that cannot be learned in the classroom.

The *Bison* subscribes to no particular political or social bias and recognizes the responsibility of accuracy, fairness and objectivity. Being an organ of a Christian university, the *Bison* ascribes to the goal of

upholding Christian ideals and standards while retaining the earmarks of nondiscriminate objectivity which characterize journalistic excellence.

Existing primarily for the student populace, the *Bison* acts as a forum for student perspectives. It welcomes letters to the editor and guest columns which adhere to professional standards of ethics. Letters intended for publication should be signed and should not exceed 300 words. Pseudonyms or unsigned letters will not be considered, though an author's name may be withheld from publication upon request. Submissions should be mailed to the *Bison* at campus box 1192 or brought to the office on the second floor of the Hammon Student Center by 10 a.m. Monday. The staff reserves the right to edit contributions for space requirements. Unsolicited manuscripts will not be returned.

Flood '93 hits close to home for some students

by Jamie Martin
Bison staff writer

This summer the nation witnessed one of the largest recorded floods to ever hit the Midwest. As rivers overflowed and levies broke, many people lost their homes, possessions, and even their lives.

According to news reports, the flood was dubbed the "500 year flood," because the number of times this disastrous a flood occurs is once in every 500 years. The waters forced officials to close 300 roads in Missouri, more than twice the number shut down by an previously-recorded flood in the state. The devastation was so great that President Bill Clinton cut short his Hawaii vacation to survey the extent of the damage.

The summer flood affected many lives, including those of some Harding students. Tom Wright, a junior from Des Moines, Iowa, said that his area went without water for more than two weeks. While the flood did not directly affect his home, he saw an older couple lose everything due to the flood damage. Joe McClary, a senior from St. Louis, Mo., spent the summer sandbagging flooded areas. Bryan Ries, a sophomore from Davenport, Iowa, sandbagged and dumped rocks left by the floodwaters.

Brian Forney, a sophomore from St. Louis, Mo., witnessed this summer's events firsthand. Forney said of the flood that he "saw houses go under that I never thought would go under." Although the bloated Mississippi River wreaked havoc on many midwesterners, the flood-stricken communities were assisted by a relief ministry administered by area churches of Christ. Forney said that he would get a call from his preacher telling him what streets needed help in sandbagging or cleanup from the flood's destructive waters.

This service to the community gave members of the church an opportunity to put their servant ministries into practice.

Television news clips from the St. Louis

area shown in chapel last week, highlighted the emergence of the Church of Christ as the leader in helping people devastated by the flood. The church established relief centers for flood victims to replenish food supplies and to assist with sandbagging, cleanup and other basic needs. At one point, more than 150,000 pounds of food had been donated to the relief center set up at the Arnold Church of Christ, only one of three in operation in the St. Louis area.

Jenny Grubbs, a victim of the summer deluge, told reporters that, "I went in there with basically nothing and they just started giving me everything I needed."

One St. Louis news reporter wrapped up her story about the efforts of the area churches of Christ by noting that "they are doing anything they can to make life a bit more bearable."

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are represented in the fall enrollment. Joe Chappel, a freshman from Narragansett, Rhode Island, represents the state which has long been missing from the national roll call.

Chappel learned about Harding from a friend who gave him a copy of the school catalog. He admits that, initially, Harding was not his first choice among those schools he was considering attending, but a campus visit changed his mind. Working with Greg Brown in the admissions office, Chappel came to Searcy to visit during graduation last May. He said he was incredibly impressed with how helpful and friendly everyone was and liked Harding's overall appearance.

Now that Chappel has been in school for a few weeks and has had a chance to adjust to his new environment, he loves the attitude that the students have here and the opportunities for spiritual growth. Chappel said he hopes to convince a high school senior in his home congregation to attend Harding next year. If he is successful, it could set a precedent for other students from Rhode Island to enroll at the university in the coming years.



CONFEDERATE RAILROAD. *Confederate Railroad, one of country music's hottest groups, will be performing at 8:00 p.m. Friday, September 17 at the White County Fair Entertainment Center. The fair runs from Monday, September 13 to Saturday, September 18. All activities are free with a \$6 admission to the fairgrounds.*

Summer Campaigns spread Gospel

by Stuart Spencer
Bison staff writer

Every year, hundreds of students, accompanied by faculty sponsors, travel around the globe on summer campaigns. 1993 was no exception. This summer more than 350 Harding students took part in mission campaigns to teach the gospel. From such exotic places as Nigeria and Honduras to the east and west coasts of the United States, students were out in full force, delivering messages of hope and eternal life in Christ.

Arthur Shearin, professor of music, led a group to Germany and Switzerland. Shearin said he was pleased that a number of people responded positively to the campaigners' message. Yet, as is customary in Europe, much of the reaction to the campaigners was detached, for a vast majority of the people whom the students encountered were not interested in religious values. While many people who heard the campaign choir sing were not affected by the message, some individuals did stay for the concerts. According to Shearin, "The choir touched a lot of people's hearts through their singing."

The campaign to Mexico was met with several difficulties. Upon arriving in Merida, Mexico, the campaigners, led by Ronald Doran, professor of biology, were placed under hotel arrest. The reason for this arrest was never made clear, though it was possibly fueled by political and religious concerns, as well as current events taking place within the United States. Catholic sentiment was running high in Mexico when the Harding students arrived, due to an upcoming visit from the Pope. Consequently, missionaries of "other" religions were not welcomed. The campaigners were told to leave on the next available flight out of the country.

Nathan Jorgenson, Harding's domestic missionary in residence, headed a campaign a little closer to home. He led a group of students to Illinois and Indiana. Jorgenson said he felt that campaigning within the United States provided a more realistic feel of the way it would be to work with a church within the country. He cited

other advantages to campaigning within the United States. "The cost is lower and students participating in mission trips can combine raising school money with raising campaign money," Jorgenson said.

Mike Shuttlesworth, a sophomore from Jacksonville, Texas, participated in a summer campaign to Australia. He said he enjoyed his experiences in Australia and stated that the work was not hard. Yet he did cite one challenging aspect of his summer experience. In one of the congregations the campaigners visited, their primary job was to get involved with the lives of the young people in the church. This was "very difficult" according to Shuttlesworth. Overall, however, Shuttlesworth reported that there were no problems and that his experiences in Australia "were invaluable."

Leanne Simmons, a senior from Glen Rock, Pa., visited Pyatigorsk, Russia, with a campaign group. Simmons said she learned that "people are the same everywhere." She also learned what an active part God plays in the everyday lives of individuals. Above all, she said, she discovered through her experiences in Russia that, "if you pray and believe that God will answer your prayers, He'll always come through."

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"Each group will be cleaning out homes and basements and getting rid of all the sandbags that people have in their yards," he said. "We will not be doing much food distribution, though. The churches have most of that under control."

Sophomore Chris Turney said he is excited about the service project. "Last year Harding went on a hurricane relief service project, but I didn't go. I've regretted not going ever since," Turney said. "So this year, I've decided I'm definitely going to work in Missouri."

Little said he is impressed with the number of students who chose to participate in the service project. "I think Harding is at its best when it serves. Our going will not only help the areas we are serving, but each of us will grow a lot," he said.

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NATION

Elders sworn in as Surgeon General

Dr. Joycelyn Elders was sworn in as the nation's Surgeon General on Wednesday. Elders was a Little Rock pediatrician before Clinton appointed her to the post. She has generated considerable controversy over her views on abortion, sex education and condom distribution. In her role as surgeon general, she will serve as an assistant to Health and Human Services.

Clinton's National Service plan passes Senate

Clinton's first new program passed the Senate yesterday, 57-40. The plan will allow up to 50,000 students to earn money for college in exchange for community service. In the program, students who complete two years of community service could earn \$4,725 a year to apply toward college tuition. Students would also receive living expenses of at least \$7,400 a year, along with health care and child day-care benefits.

STATE

Little Rock police kill 64-year-old man

Little Rock police shot and killed a 64-year-old man after he pointed a pistol at an officer. The police were responding to a report of a disturbance with a weapon at the man's home. The man, Willie Gipson, refused to drop the gun at police request and began waving it around. He was shot when he pointed the gun at one of the officers and appeared to start to cock the gun.

'1964' excites Harding crowd

by Melissa Farris
Bison staff writer

Another "British Invasion" occurred Friday, Sept. 3, in the Benson Auditorium as "1964: A Tribute to the Beatles" took the stage.

Students began lining up at 5:00 p.m. in front of doors that would not be opened until 7:15. Not only were the students excited about getting a good seat, but they were concerned about how they looked as well. Troy Gibbins, a freshman from Sydney, Australia, dressed in bell bottoms and John Lennon glasses. "I heard they (1964) were coming, and I wanted to pay my respects to the greatest rock band ever," Gibbins said.

The excitement lasted until the final encore as the band performed songs such as "Hard Day's Night," "Twist and Shout," "Can't Buy Me Love," "Yellow Submarine," "Help," "She Loves You," and "Yesterday." The band members, Greg George, Mark Benson, Gary Grimes and Tom Work, transformed themselves into the Beatles, with George as Ringo Starr, Benson as John Lennon, Grimes as Paul McCartney, and Work as George Harris.

Students were standing on chairs, sitting on shoulders and clapping furiously. "I like to play to an excited, responsive crowd," George said. "It becomes a perfect 50/50 with the audience and the entertainer. It's cyclic."

"We wanted a band we knew we could travel with," Benson said. "We wanted to get out of Top 40 and do something different. We thought

the Beatles would be embraced by people, and, believe it or not, most of our concerts are at colleges."

The idea for the band began with Benson and the original drummer. "We had known each other since right after high school," Benson said. "We were in our own bands, and we would go check each other out. We used to see Greg play at teen clubs because he looked like Ringo."

"The band decided to go on the road and the original drummer did not want to go," George said. "I was playing '50s and '60s music in another band at the time, so I went with them. This is my 24th band. I began playing at age 12, and I've been playing for 29 years," he added.

"1964" prides themselves on their authenticity. "We use the same instruments. That way, the kids get a glimpse of what it was really like," Benson said. "They hear the same sounds. If they didn't, it wouldn't be a lesson. It would have no historical value, and I think that is advantageous for kids now."

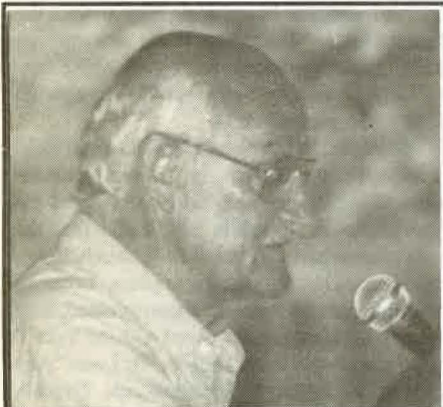
The band has traveled through most of the United States, a few Canadian provinces, Germany, Austria, Bermuda and South America. "I would like to play in Australia," George said. "I think it is a well-kept secret. I hear it is really wild."

While the songs of the Beatles are favorites to many, Benson himself can't think of a favorite song. "I really couldn't tell you one favorite album or song. I grew up in that era, and I was like everyone else, just waiting for the next album," he said.

"My favorite song would have to be 'Michelle,'" George said. The audience also seems to have their favorites. "We usually get the most audience participation with 'Eight Days a Week,'" he said.



ANOTHER "BRITISH" INVASION. "1964, As the Beatles," plays to an enthusiastic audience on the Harding University stage. This was their fourth appearance. (photo by Jason Burt)



ALL-SCHOOL RETREAT. Stanley Shipp encourages more than 300 students to "accept the greatest challenge of their lives: following Jesus." (photo by Michael Bass)

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Walther speaks on Power Talking

by Duane Barron
Bison Editor

George Walther, sales consultant and author of best-sellers *Phone Power* and *Power Talking*, told the American Studies audience Tuesday night that, "we size each other up in less than a quarter of a second."

Speaking on "Power Talking," Walther dramatically showed the audience how quickly first impressions are formed by having the audience members interact with someone that they did not know and then share their impressions with the other person. He encouraged the audience to give up bad habits that convey negative impressions.

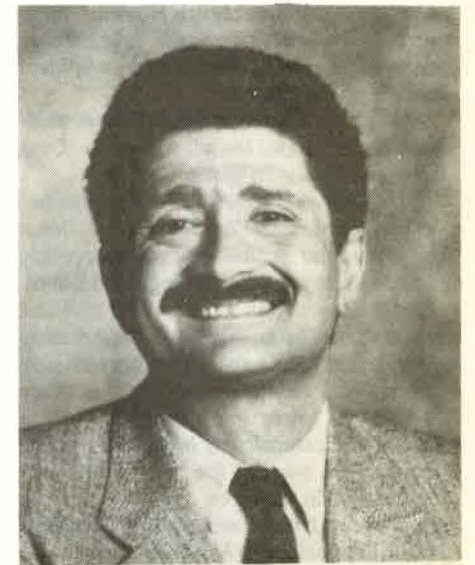
Walther, the first lecturer in this year's American Studies Distinguished Lecture Series, emphasized that everyone is constantly forming impressions of those with whom they come into contact.

"The composite picture people get from us is a result of the individual clues we give," he said. In order to give the best impression, he recommended using positive language and eliminating phrases that undermine one's integrity, such as "To be honest with you...."

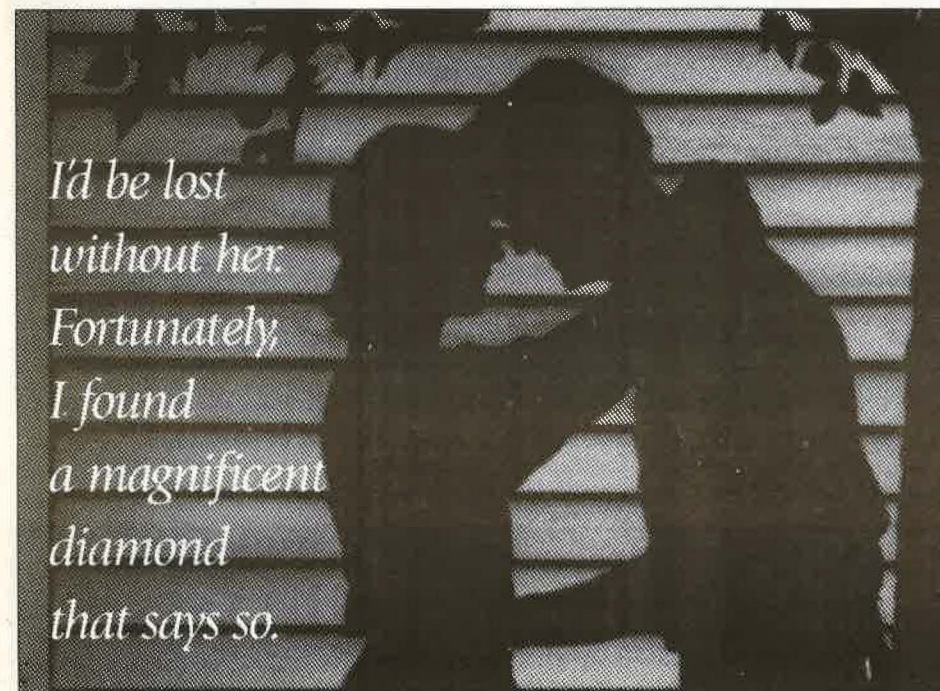
Walther also stressed the importance of encouraging people to cooperate by using the right language. "To ensure maximum cooperation from the people you work with," he said, "don't criticize the people; criticize their behavior."

He also encouraged "power talkers" to focus on their responsibility for their reactions rather than lay blame on others.

Walther encouraged the audience to "make sure you let people know that you appreciate them." He summarized his address with a statement which he had repeated several times during the course of the presentation, "You win or lose with the words you use."

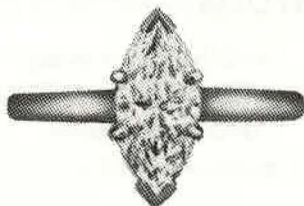


"YOU WIN WITH THE WORDS YOU USE." George Walther instructs the audience to choose their words carefully to portray a positive impression. (photo by PR Office)



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SHAPE UP

American Studies brings Medved

Michael Medved will be at Harding Sept. 21 as the second lecturer in the American Studies Distinguished Lecture Series. Medved is a nationally-recognized film critic and a best-selling author. He will be speaking on "Hollywood's Three Big Lies."

Medved is co-host of "Sneak Previews," a half-hour program which airs on PBS. He recently accepted reviewing responsibilities as a film critic for the *New York Post*.

Medved has written several books. His most recent book, *Hollywood vs. America*, has been influential in bringing changes to the entertainment industry.

According to Dr. Bob Reely, director of the American Studies Program, Medved should appeal to Harding students because of his conservative stance on many important issues.

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Bisons have high expectations for year

by **Kenny Hightower**
Bison Sports Editor

Coming off of an impressive year that propelled them into the NAIA national playoffs, the Bisons have returned with an expectation of doing even better this season.

One of the strong points of the Bison squad this year is their tenacious defense, led by All-American defensive end Paul Simmons and All-conference linebacker Eric Howell. Graduation did leave some holes to fill, but defensive coordinator Randy Tribble feels very confident about his young players.

Along with Howell at linebacker is hard-hitting junior Brooks Harrell and seniors Greg Mashburn and Lee Edwards.

With Simmons creating havoc on the defensive line, sophomores Ray Tynes and Anthony Clear and senior Scott Reedy make opposing coaches think twice about running on the Bisons.

The Bisons should be one of the toughest teams to throw against this year in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference. They are returning four starters. Leading the secondary is senior All-American safety Jon Newby. Newby is joined in the secondary by hard-hitting junior Lorne Latiker, who led the team in interceptions last season with five. Senior Kyle Citty patrols one of the corners, while sophomores Chad Griffin and Scott Alexander assist at the

other corner. Coach Randy Tribble says that the secondary may be the strongest point of the defense.

The Bison offense is led by senior quarterback Paul Mann. Mann broke numerous school records while leading the AIC in passing yardage with 1,845 last season. "As a junior, Paul really came through for us. He was a big asset to our offense," said Bison head coach, Larry Richmond.

Mann is joined in the backfield by senior fullback "Famous" Amos Washington, who adds plenty of excitement to the Harding running game. He was the Bisons' top ball carrier last season, gaining 733 yards on 152 carries while scoring seven touchdowns.

"Fame," as he is called by his teammates, feels that he can rush for 1000 yards this season and help the team reach the national playoffs again.

Washington can run, but not without blocking. The Bison offensive line is a solid one with senior Bryan Wansley leading the pack. Wansley earned All-AIC honors last season and was also named to the league's pre-season team. "After three years, I understand our system well," he said. "My personal goals are to win the conference championship and to help Amos run for 100 yards in every game." Wansley's blocking buddies include seniors Eric Peters and John Perry and sophomore Stuart Proctor.

Thad Hill blocks as the tight end and also adds another weapon to the offense. The Bison receiving corps is a talented one. Ron Sparkman led the Bisons last season with 37 receptions. He is joined this year by a talented supporting cast. Red-shirt freshman Clay Beason, is one who will see a lot of playing time. "Clay has great hands and great leaping ability, so he will help our passing game," Richmond said.

The Bison coaching staff is excited about this season, but they still feel that the team needs to improve in certain areas to get back to the playoffs.

This weekend the Bisons will travel to Ada, Oklahoma to take on the fourth ranked Tigers of East Central Oklahoma. The Tigers, who lost last weekend to Tarleton State, display a very explosive offense as well as a hard-hitting defense.

The Bison coaches feel that they have prepared a game plan to possibly slow down the Tigers "run and shoot" offense.

UAPB's forfeit still up in the air

by **Kenny Hightower**
Bison Sports Editor

An opening day celebration for the UAPB Golden Lions turned into a spoiled celebration after school officials discovered that 10 players who had participated in the Arkansas Classic against the Bisons were ineligible to play. The Lions had beaten the Bisons 32-22.

Head coach Lee Hardeman announced before the game that he was holding out several players who had had questions raised about their eligibility.

There were several different reasons why those players were not eligible to participate at the time. Since then, Harding has been notified that six of the 10 players have been declared eligible, but no decision has been made concerning the remaining four.

This week the Harding Sports Information Office released the following statement concerning the forfeit: "The eligibility problems may be resolved and there would be no forfeit, but it is unresolved at this time."

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A LONG, HOT NIGHT. Paul Simmons, Bison defensive end, shows his frustration during a break in the third quarter of the UAPB game. Harding lost the game 32-22 before UAPB announced a forfeit, due to participation by ineligible players. (photo by Jason Burt)

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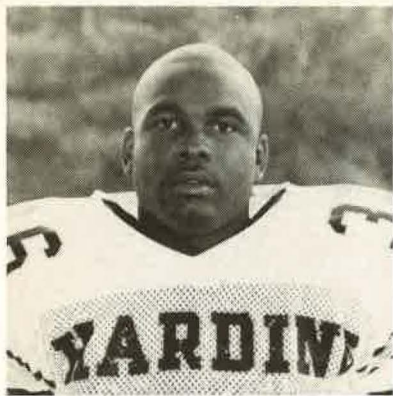
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MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT —
In the junior college All-Star game, Amos had been running well the entire game and had already scored two touchdowns. His team was on the opponent's 5-yard line. To the dismay of the crowd, the coach took him out of the game. The crowd chanted, "We want Amos." On third down the coach called a time out. To the roar of the crowd, Amos trotted back onto the field. Everyone in the stands knew Amos was going to get the ball. The quarterback stepped up under the center and started barking out the signals. As the ball was snapped, the whole stadium was quiet. The quarterback gave Amos the ball over the right tackle. He was hit by a little defensive back who weighed, at the most, 150 pounds, and Amos fumbled the ball. Amos was still named MVP of the game.

Lady Bisons prepare for AIC competition

Four returning starters add depth to young team

by Caren Condif
Bison staff writer

When the Lady Bison volleyball team took the court earlier this month, head coach Karyl Bailey felt optimistic, wondering about their chances of going back to the national playoffs.

The Lady Bisons have four returning starters and a deep bench. Leading the team is All-conference selectee from last season, Amy Deuel. Deuel led the team in kills and, after coming back from surgery, "is playing very well in the back row," Bailey said.

Helping Deuel on the front line is senior Kathleen Bassham. Bassham, who also was named to the All-conference team, led the Lady Bisons in blocks last season. Junior Angela Johnson handles most of the setting duties and "does a wonderful job," Bailey said. "Having Amy, Kathleen and Angela on your team is like having three coaches on the floor. They do a wonderful job."

Senior Chrysta Ferguson "brings back her great back-row play and also adds more depth to the lineup," Bailey said.

Sophomore Regina Huddleston will get the nod as the outside hitter opposite Deuel. "Regina has come a long way since last year. She is amazingly strong and can do a lot with the ball," Bailey said.

The Lady Bisons are lucky to get two returning seniors back this season. Outside hitters Larrie Maples and Robin Heasley are both recovering from knee surgery this past summer. Maples will help the team in many ways. Heasley's injury has taken a little more time to heal, but Bailey expects great things from her by mid-season.

Sophomore Casey Wolfe and Tove Sporsheim will share setting duties this season. "I really believe in both of these ladies. They are different kinds of players, but both will help us tremendously this season," Bailey said.

Bailey feels that no matter what team he puts on the floor, none of his players will let him down. Sophomore Marcy Winters will add to the deep selection of outside hitters that Bailey has to choose from. "Marcy is a smart player and she will see plenty of playing time this season," Bailey said.

Bailey added a good crop of freshmen to his roster to better his chances this season. Sheila Burns, from Arlington, Texas, will be a force to reckon with as a middle hitter. Shannon Massey, from Vancouver, Washington, plays almost every position and will be Bailey's utility player. Suzy Dalke, from Friendswood, Texas, will add more depth as a back row player. "I am very excited to have all three players," Bailey said.

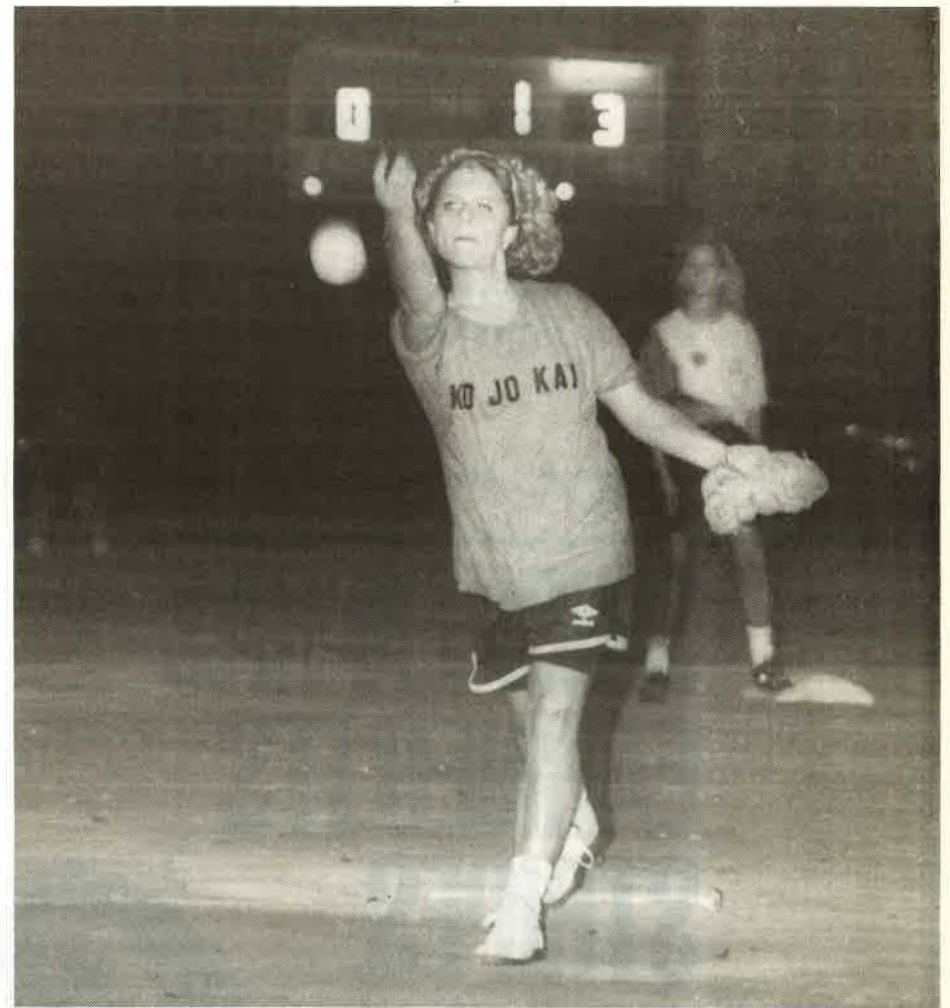
The team started off their season last Tuesday night at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. Although they lost, Coach Bailey thought the team "gave a valiant ef-

fort." Deuel played strong and had 27 kills. Maples also played well, with excellent serves and a good passing game. The final scores were: 14-16, 14-16, 15-9, 15-6 and 10-15.

Tonight, the Lady Bisons travel to Indiana to compete in the Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis invitational tournament. There they could go up against Madonna College (Michigan), Henderson State and Montevallo (Alabama), among others.

The first home game for the Lady Bisons will be Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. against Williams Baptist College in the Ganus Athletic Center.

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"STRIKE THREE, YOU'RE OUT!" Angie Baskett delivers a pitch to an opponent during a club softball game. Club and intramural athletics have long been an important part of student life at Harding. (photo by Jason Burt)

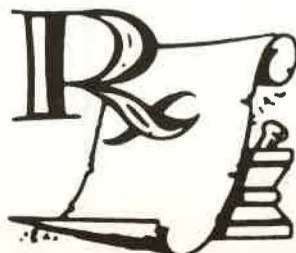
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